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**WALHALLA, S. C.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 1908.**

## HOLD TO YOUR COTTON.

The price of cotton dropped yesterday to 8 3/4 c. a pound. The cotton in the farmers' hands and in warehouses was just as good as it was the day before; the cost of producing the staple was just as much; the number of bales that will be required for export and home manufacture was not reduced.

Why the drop in price?  
Certainly not because the staple had lost in money value.

The Southern farmer is up against the greatest gambling conspiracy that ever operated to reap where it had not sown. It is a fight to the last ditch with the honest producer on one side, seeking to receive for his goods a fair and living price, and on the other side the cotton speculator, who seeks to perpetuate an iniquitous system that has enriched a few at the expense of the real producers of wealth.

The question arises, Who will finally win in the fight? If the Southern farmer holds on he is bound to win; if he weakens now he will lose out, not only for the present, but it will take years and years to regain the ground lost by his error.

The fact that the price of cotton has gone lower does not affect the WORTH of the cotton. Hold to it for what it is worth, and for all you are worth. It is now a matter of life or death to the cotton producing industry.

No man has a right to tell the Southern farmer what his product is worth—not one whit more than the retail merchant has the right to go to the manufacturer or wholesaler and set a price on their goods and force them to take it.

The farmer may have to hold his cotton yet for thirty, sixty or ninety days to get a fair price for it. If you have it to do, DO IT.

Mark this: If you sell your cotton at 8 1/2 or 9 cents a pound, so soon as it is out of the farmers' hands the price is going up. It is the gambler and speculator who is forcing the price down, and it is for his own selfish ends that he is doing it. Just so soon as he gets the cotton out of the farmers' hands he will go to the other side of the market and force the price up. He will reap the handsome profit of \$10 or \$15 per bale that belongs to the farmer as remuneration for his labor, and to which the speculator has not the shadow of a right.

What are you going to do? Sell yourself out or force the gambler out?

Hold to every pound of your cotton if you can do so honestly. If you owe the man who helped you to make your crop, straighten out with him by borrowing on your cotton in the warehouse, but don't give it to the Wall Street speculator, thus putting into his hands the club with which to cudgel the very life out of you and your industry in the future.

Think twice before you turn loose a pound of your cotton. If necessary, hold every pound of it till next fall, in the meantime transforming yourself into a grain farmer instead of a cotton planter.

It is up to the farmer to win, and we believe he has at his back every Southern banker and merchant to the fullest extent of his ability.

## ORPHANS' WORK DAY.

The first Sunday in October and the Saturday previous, by a most beautiful custom, have for several years past been set apart in a number of the Southern States as the "Orphans' Work Day," the practice being the setting aside of Saturday's earnings for the help of the orphans, on Sunday turning the amounts over to the church orphanage workers.

This is a strictly non-denominational work, there being no call from any of the denominations. The day's earnings are set aside and contributed to the cause of the orphanages. If the contributions are given for the benefit of any particular orphanage and so designated, the funds will go to that particular institution, no matter through what agency the donation is made. If given without designating any orphanage it will be divided among the various institutions.

This custom has given the orphans great assistance in the past, and the

first Sunday in October this year should bring in a handsome free-will offering for the homeless little ones, who are dependent upon the bounty of their more fortunate friends.

How many in Walhalla and Oceene will set aside the earnings of Saturday, October 3d, and contribute the amount on Sunday, the 4th, to the helpless ones?

Let us try to raise a good fund for the little ones who are dependent upon us for what they have. It is not only a duty for us, but it should be a pleasure, to thus help the weak and helpless.

Orville Wright smashed two world's records with his airship; also his friend's skull and his own ribs. What next?

Stripes, we are informed, are to be all the rage this fall and winter in clothing. For once, then, the gay convict will be somewhat in advance of the fashion.

Mr. Taft on the 15th addressed a conference of negro Methodists at Cincinnati on the negro question. He opened his argument with, "who stole the chickens?"

Dr. Rustin, who was recently shot and killed mysteriously at Omaha, Neb., was a staunch Democrat and had registered only the day before his mysterious death. Now, the question naturally arises, can Mr. Taft prove an alibi?

The Farmers' Union has fixed its minimum price, but so far has not given out what that price is. Therefore, we can no longer say, "Hold for the minimum, 15 cents." Nevertheless, Mr. Farmer, hold for the minimum—which simply means, stand by your guns.

Last Friday cotton sold in Anderson at 9c. On the same day it sold in Walhalla at 9 1/4 c. Farmers will find in Walhalla hereafter a market up to the highest notch or a little over. Bear this in mind. You can get as much or more for your cotton here at home than you can by hauling it a long distance.

"Major Earle pledged his word voluntarily before the primary election," says the Greenville News, "that should Cansler, of Tirzah, be re-elected he (Earle) would resign." Greenville county gave Cansler 4,800 votes and Caughman 1,800. Verily, Greenville county must be mighty sore on her member of the Railroad Commission.

Last week a tramp walked into the office of the Anderson Intelligencer and stole a pair of the editor's pants. Everybody knows that it is unconstitutional and against the law of gravitation for an editor to have two pairs of pants, yet the mayor of Anderson gave the tramp thirty days. The editor of the Intelligencer should have been rigidly cross-examined and the facts brought out as to where and by what means he became the possessor of two pairs of pants at one and the same time.

## TWO AGED WOMEN MURDERED.

Grievous Tragedy Enacted Near Jacksonville, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—At Marietta, seven miles from Jacksonville, some time between 7 a. m. and 5 p. m. Saturday, Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, 89 years old, and her daughter, Emily, 68 years old, were brutally murdered by some unknown party, who, after committing the crime, took every cent in the house, amounting to about \$8.

The family was very poor, the old woman and her two daughters living alone, their only income being a government pension of \$8 a month, and what they could raise on the small farm.

The second daughter, Elizabeth, was absent from home when the crime was committed. The old woman's body was found in the front yard, and the daughter's body in the kitchen, both being chopped in the head with an axe.

The sheriff and a posse are now scouring the woods with dogs in hope of finding some trace of the guilty parties, who are believed to be negroes.

**Negro Tramp Admits Slaying.**  
Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—Walter Ledbetter, a negro tramp, was arrested early this morning by Sheriff Bowden in the settlement of Marietta, and confessed to the killing of Mrs. Norman and her daughter there Saturday. As soon as the residents of the settlement learned that the negro had been captured there were threats of lynching, but the negro was safely lodged in the Duval county jail, where he is under guard. A speedy trial is now being arranged for the negro.

## Brief Bits of News of To-day.

John Robinson, the veteran circus man, was married to his nurse in his private car in Tennessee yesterday.

W. W. Reynolds, a sign painter, committed suicide in Poole's undertaking establishment in Atlanta yesterday.

Three people committed suicide in New Orleans yesterday. One had lost his money; another quarreled with his employer, and the third was just tired of living.

At the meeting of the National Colored Baptist Association in Lexington, Ky., yesterday, a resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of "black" or negro dolls.

At the meeting of the grand lodge of I. O. O. F., now being held in Denver, Colo., Kuykendall, of Wyoming, was yesterday elected Deputy Grand Sire. J. L. Nolen, of Tennessee, was promoted to Grand Sire.

## NOTORIOUS STILL DESTROYED.

Revenue Officers Make Successful Raid in Lower Lexington.

Lexington, Sept. 20.—Revenue officers D. H. Wallace, V. B. McGaha, J. C. McCravy and H. B. Henderson, of Greenville, with the assistance of Dispensary Constable Samuels, of Aiken county, succeeded in locating and capturing an illicit distillery in the lower section of this county Friday night. It was located about four miles below Herse's bridge, near the Aiken county line. The still, an old-time affair, with a capacity of about fifty gallons, was still warm when the officers arrived in the little town of Wagener, some six or seven miles away, and had evidently been in operation the evening before. It was hid from view by means of a deep pit, which was covered with boards. On top of the boards a lot of pine straw had been placed, which made it almost impossible for the average person to detect that a "mill" was anywhere near, the only visible signs being the settling of the smoke. About seventy-five yards away a cap for the still was found underneath a lot of rubbish. An empty keg or two were found nearby, but they contained no whiskey. Not a person could be found. The still was carried to Wagener, where it was destroyed in the presence of a crowd. The officers left on the first train for Greenville, while Mr. Samuels returned to his home in Aiken.

The raid of Friday night undoubtedly breaks up, for the time being at least, one of the most notorious stills that has ever been operated in this county. It will be remembered that it was in this same neighborhood that the desperado, Charles Jeffcoat, operated so long, and it was not far from the spot where he killed a deputy sheriff, who was trying to effect his capture. It has been known for some time that whiskey was being made in this section, but on account of the character of the country officers have not been anxious to go into the territory. But these officers were determined men who have long been associated in and with this kind of work, and they were prepared for any emergency which might arise.

It is said that several other stills are being operated along the Edisto, and the officers are determined not to give up until the last one is captured and the owners brought to account.

## WORK ON BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The New Bridge Will Be Completed by Next Sunday.

(Anderson Mail, 21st.)

A force of between 60 and 75 men is at work on the reconstruction of the Broadway trestle on the Blue Ridge road, half way between Anderson and Belton, and it is now said by the officials of the company that trains will be running over the new trestle on regular schedule by Sunday. The force is in charge of G. C. Patterson and S. W. Dillard, construction foremen.

It had been necessary to remove much of the structure left standing after the freshest and re-construct the foundations so as to rebuild the trestle as it should be, and this has been responsible for a good part of the seemingly long time taken up in the work. Work now, however, is going on well, and with the present force, it should be completed within the time prescribed by the officials.

All of the other tracking of the Blue Ridge is in good condition and business is being handled with dispatch. Baggage and express which should go out over the Belton line, however, is being routed by Seneca owing to the work on the bridge. Mail is being handled direct, and the usual service in all directions has about been restored.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION IN PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Upon a petition that represents more than one-third of the resident freeholders, and a like proportion of the qualified electors residing in Providence School District, No. 3, an election is hereby ordered to be held at the school house on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1908, to determine whether or not the special tax in said district shall be raised from two to four mills, for school purposes.

Those who favor the additional two mills will cast a ballot with the word "YES" printed or written thereon; those opposed to the additional two mills will cast a ballot with the word "NO" printed or written thereon.

The polls will be open from the hours of 2 to 4 p. m. The Trustees will act as managers of said election, and no one will be allowed to vote who could not vote in a general State election.

C. L. CRAIG,  
County Superintendent of Education.  
Done upon certificate of the County Auditor.

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